

GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL.

DR. GREY'S WORK IN THE NATIONAL MEDICAL MUSEUM WITH ROENTGEN RAYS.

ADMIRAL JOUETT'S VAIN JOURNEY THROUGH THE MUD-THICK SMITHSONIAN'S REVERE.

LOSS IN DR. GOODIE'S DEATH—
THE YELLOWSTONE.

Washington, Sept. 19 (Special).—Washington has an expert in the person of Dr. William Grey, of the National Medical Museum, whose experiments with the Roentgen rays are not only wonderful and interesting to laymen and the dilettantes of science, but of incalculable value to the medical profession. Local surgeons are continually consulting Dr. Grey's skill in the search for bullets, needles and such foreign substances as find their way into human bodies, and in locating fractures, and his work in this direction has abundantly proved the benefit of the Roentgen rays in the practice of surgery.

The most interesting case that has come to Dr. Grey was a little boy who had swallowed a twenty-five-cent piece. The physician in charge failed to locate the coin, and his patient's condition had become somewhat alarming, when he happily thought of Dr. Grey, who made a radiograph of the child's stomach, which showed the coin in the esophagus, and was the means of its being ultimately removed. Dr. Grey has on exhibition at the Museum a number of interesting radiographs, all of which have been made for physicians and surgeons, and have been of material aid to them in the treatment of the cases. There is, for instance, the picture of a woman's foot, showing the presence of a needle; the forearm of a man in which the bones are crushed; the thick bone of a female patient in which a bullet is embedded; and a number of like interesting cases.

Hardly less interesting are the photographs of matter, such as tissues, bacilli, etc., that Dr. Grey takes through the microscope. He has made a large collection of these, some of the pictures magnified 2,000 times. They are deposited in the Museum, and are a constant and invaluable aid to the medical student.

Officially, Dr. Grey is the microscopist of the National Museum. Photography and the making of radiographs are not in his province. He has undertaken these branches from sheer enthusiasm and love of the work, and has supplied his own instruments and materials, giving the Museum the results of his labors. His workrooms are in the top story of the Medical Museum Building, and comprise a skylight and chamber, for the Doctor's enthusiasm embraces all branches of photography, and he has a unique collection of eccentric cases that are met with in the medical profession, curious formations and curvatures, as well as photographs of animals in motion, horses running and jumping, which are brilliant specimens of his skill.

About this room are three dark rooms, sacred to the mysteries of developing and the making of pictures by the Roentgen rays. This room is, naturally, the most interesting to the occasional visitor, who feels, after the Doctor has shown him the bones in his hand through a kid glove, the bones in his pocketbook through layers of leather and paper, and has made hermetically sealed boxes give up their secrets, that he has suddenly made a voyage back into the times of necromancy. But Dr. Grey in appearance is as little like the accepted idea of a necromancer as it is possible to imagine; neither does he bear any of the familiar marks of the scientist or student. He is young, still in the thirties, fine looking, with frank and open countenance, of large frame and athletic build, fond of outdoor sports, and an enthusiast of the most radical type over his work.

It is unusual for Naval officers, from the very character of their lives, to take any special interest in politics. They are content, as a rule, to let civilians run the political affairs of the Nation. This is not true, however, of Admiral Jouett, who, though a son of the Blue Grass State, is an ardent Republican, and never misses depositing his ballot for the straight ticket on Election Day. The Admiral makes his home in Sandy Springs, Montgomery County, Maryland, where he lives the life of a country squire, and hunts foxes with a devotion to the sport equal to that of his English prototypes of the last century.

The roads in this neighborhood are no better than the majority of the roads south of Mason and Dixon's line. On last Election Day, owing to heavy rains, the way from Admiral Jouett's home to the polls, some miles distant, was almost impassable, so that many lukewarm partisans remained at home. Not so with the doughty Admiral, who was in no way deterred by the rough roads before him. He started out early, in a buggy rather than on horseback, for the accommodation of his son, James, Jr., who was also entitled to vote. The ride to the polls was bad enough. The mud came up to the very hubs, and the great stones which they occasionally struck against almost overturned the vehicle. But the Admiral was consoled by the patriotic intention, and an occasional picturesque epithet was the only protest he made.

Going home was a different matter. Night had begun to fall, a thick, heavy rain set in, and the buggy sank down into the sea of mud at every turn of the wheel. Finally the carriage began to give way, and Admiral Jouett, who is more at home on a rough and muddy country road, and his son were compelled to get out every now and then to fasten a strap, tighten a nut or tie up a shaft.

"Well," said the Admiral, "thank Heaven, that's over! We've had a hard pull of it, but it is the duty of every citizen of the United States to vote." Then an idea seemed to strike him. "Say, Jim," said he to his son, "I voted the straight Republican ticket, as usual. How did you vote?"

"I voted the straight Democratic," replied Jim.

"Phew!" exclaimed the patriotic Admiral, contemplating his battered buggy and his worn-out horse. "If I had only known your intention this morning before we started, we might have stayed at home and paired!"

The Smithsonian Institution had its half-century birthday on the 7th of this month. Nothing was done to celebrate this anniversary, and the day before the Institution suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. G. Brown Goode, who had been connected with it since 1873, and its assistant secretary since 1887. It is rare to find a man so eminently fitted for his duties, so devoted to his work, as was Dr. Goode; rare to find one who in forty-five years of life has accomplished so much in a scientific way. His special work was ichthyology, and in this branch of natural history he was generally admitted to have been the leading American authority.

For a number of years Dr. Goode served as Fish Commissioner, which appointment he owed to the excellent work he did in connection with the Government exhibition at the Centennial. He also represented the United States at the fishery exhibits in Berlin in 1880, in London in 1883, and had charge of the Institute's exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition in 1893, and those at New Orleans, Cincinnati, Louisville and Atlanta. Although his duties as assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution made great demands upon his time, Dr. Goode was a fairly prolific author. He published a number of works on ichthyology, wrote a valuable book on "The Origin of the National and Scientific and Educational Institutions of the United States," was one of the editors of "The Wesleyan Book," and at the time of his death had in preparation "A History of the Smithsonian Institution," which was to be published in celebration of its semi-centennial.

Personally Dr. Goode was an agreeable man, lacking entirely that reserve characteristic of men of his profession. Always accessible, invariably willing to give freely of his advice and knowledge, he was a great favorite with those who came in contact with him, and a stimulating in-

fluence to young men. During his career in the Smithsonian Institution Dr. Goode had done much to popularize science, and it was through his agency that the exhibits in the Museum have been so arranged as to be understood by lay visitors. His sympathy for his profession, his high personal character, his ability as an organizer and his rare devotion to the interests of the Institution will make Dr. Goode's place a difficult one to fill.

The Institution, for which the Englishman, John Smithson, natural son of the Duke of Northumberland, gave all of his property, is surely one of the most interesting establishments in the Government, and in the short half-century of its existence has grown beyond the hopes even of its first founders. It is the mother of a number of independent bureaus. The Fish Commission is the outgrowth of its work in ichthyology; the Weather Bureau of its meteorological work; and the National Museum, of which Mr. Smithson's cabinet of minerals forms the nucleus, is a separate establishment, although still under the direction of the Institution, as are also the Bureau of International Exchanges, with Professor Winlock at its head; the Bureau of American Ethnology, of which Professor Powell is director; the National Zoological Park, Frank Baker, superintendent, and the Astrophysical Observatory, which is the especial pet of Professor Langley.

The Institution no doubt owes its excellent progress it has made to the fact that during the fifty years since it was founded it has had only three secretaries, who have been as well the executive officers, for nothing so handicaps and retards scientific work as frequent changes in its administration. Professor Joseph Henry, its first secretary, presided over its affairs from 1848 until 1878, and was succeeded by Professor Spencer Fullerton Baird, who died in 1887, since which time the present secretary, Professor Langley, has been at its head.

In all his reports Professor Langley complains of lack of funds, and says that the accessions of the Institution are so large that another building, equal in size to the present structure, could be advantageously fitted. He also states that, owing to the cramped condition of his finances, he is unable to improve the Museum collection by purchase, and that in some instances, in order to study the past life of the Mississippi Valley, he has to go to London, for that of Alaska to Berlin, and for the California coast to Paris.

In his report, recently received at the Interior Department, Captain Anderson says that, although the season in the Yellowstone Park opened with promise of heavy travel, that promise has not been realized, and this year there have been fewer visitors in the Park than last season. He attributes this to financial depression and partly to the disturbances of a political campaign. He believes, however, that the falling off in travel cannot be traced solely to the above reasons, for the European steamers are crowded with Americans, who go to spend their summers abroad, and explains by assuming that the traveling public is not aware of what can be seen at the Park, and with what ease and comfort the trip can be made.

Captain Anderson calls attention to the fact that, notwithstanding his urgent request, no improvement has been made in the military post, and asks for an appropriation for one set of new barracks and one stable at the new post, because the troops are so constantly in the field during the summer that they need comfortable quarters during the winter.

He commends the management of the hotel, transportation company, and the Yellowstone Lake Boat Company unqualifiedly, and says that, with the exception of the bison, game continues to increase. Of bison he thinks there are from twenty-five to fifty head, but whether he will be able to save these remains a problem, as he says, "The forces of nature and the hands of man are alike against them, and they seem to be struggling against an almost certain fate."

Captain Anderson concludes his report by saying: "As it is not probable that I shall remain here long enough to receive benefit from next year's appropriation, I do not consider it indolent to recommend that an extra allowance be made to the superintendent of the Park. This principle was recognized many years ago in the extra rations given to post commanders, and especially at certain posts where the burden of entertaining was great. More recently it has been recognized by extra rank, pay or allowances given to certain officers stationed at West Point, the Military Prison and at the Carlisle Indian School. Last year the Adjutant General of the Army made such a recommendation in his annual report, but no further notice was taken of it. The superintendent here has letters of introduction sent him by the hundreds, and the smallest measure of hospitality requires the expenditure of his entire pay in very meagre entertainment. There is no station in the Army where so much is expected of an officer, and I trust you will call attention to the necessity for some relief."

Those who know something of the demands made on the superintendent of this Park must commend his modesty in not having before made his recommendation.

THE LATEST STORY.

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"Talking of snakes," said a man who had recently arrived from the wilds of Nicaragua, "reminds me of an incident I witnessed while I was in the interior of the little republic. It was in a section where the hills approach the river. I had been passing down the stream and halted to escape the heat of the sun. I was standing on a rocky ledge, and looking down at the water, when I saw a snake hanging from the trunk of a large tree near the bank of the river. I happened to glance up at this sight, and saw a second snake hanging from the trunk of another tree, and so it went, until I saw a third snake hanging from the trunk of a third tree, and so it went, until I saw a fourth snake hanging from the trunk of a fourth tree, and so it went, until I saw a fifth snake hanging from the trunk of a fifth tree, and so it went, until I saw a sixth snake hanging from the trunk of a sixth tree, and so it went, until I saw a seventh snake hanging from the trunk of a seventh tree, and so it went, until I saw an eighth snake hanging from the trunk of an eighth tree, and so it went, until I saw a ninth snake hanging from the trunk of a ninth tree, and so it went, until I saw a tenth snake hanging from the trunk of a tenth tree, and so it went, until I saw an eleventh snake hanging from the trunk of an eleventh tree, and so it went, until I saw a twelfth snake hanging from the trunk of a twelfth tree, and so it went, until I saw a thirteenth snake hanging 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